(d) whether Government would consider to apply one norm of distribution of supplies in rural and urban areas; and

(e) if so, by when ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) The commodities to be supplied through Public Distribution System are allocated by the Central Government to the State Governments/U.T. Administrations. Internal distribution of these commodities within the States/UTs, including the scale of ration, is decided by the State Government/ U.T. Administration concerned taking into account various factors such as total availability, inter-se requirements of rural and urban areas in the districts etc.

Allotment of government accommodation on Barter basis

1863. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the hardships being faced by the retiring Government employees having general pool accommodation allotment due to certain of separate pool for some Departments where their wards are working;

(b) if so, whether Government would consider to allot accommodation on barter basis to the wards of such employees; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) Allotment of General Pool accommodation to the wards of the retiring employees is made only if both the retiring employee as well as the ward is eligible for General Pool accommodation. If the ward is employed in a department having separate pool and is not eligible for General Pool the concession of General Pool allotment to him is not available.

(b) and (c) There is no such proposal. Since none of the departments having their own pool of accommodation has suggested such arrangement.

Purchase of vegetable oils by NDDB

1864. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's intervention policy is to help the farmers by purchasing vegetable oil from the open market as was done by NDDB;

(b) whether Government are aware that the NDDB operations are aimed at helping middlemen and ensure continued imports of MNCs as has happened for milk products; and

(c) whether Government would set up a parliamentary group to enquire into all operations of NDDB which were not touched by Jha Committee ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR) : (a) Government has asked NDDB to undertake market intervention operations so as to